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STEP LADDERS)	
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RE: 1. Novelty Search Requests
2. Design Application for New LADDER BAG

Dear Charles:

1. As I mentioned in a telephone message earlier this afternoon, I am mailing tomorrow overnight, two search requests for relatively simple devices; one for a [REDACTED] for use with [REDACTED], and one for a [REDACTED]. Please let me know when you receive these materials, and if you have any questions.

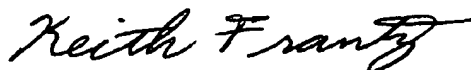
2. Also, I need a set of drawings for a new LADDER BAG DESIGN. The changes from the first design are:

- a. on one side, (i) a mesh pocket and a pocket for a cell phone have been added (in replacement of two sets of other pockets), and (ii) the pockets at the other end of that side now have elastic top bands (see primarily Figure 1),
- b. on the other side, there are now five lower pockets instead of three, the upper row of pockets remains the same (see primarily Figures 4 and 7)
- c. a strap has been added extending from one corner with a rod to hold an roll of tape
- d. all edges now have elastic straps with folded material under the elastic straps to permit the straps to extend is put on a larger ladder - the last sheet attached to the drawings is a set of sketches I made to try to explain this arrangement.

Marked-up drawings and black and white scans of photographs of the new design are included in the zip-file with this letter. I hope these help in your understanding of the changes. I will include the original photographs with the overnight package I am sending tomorrow.

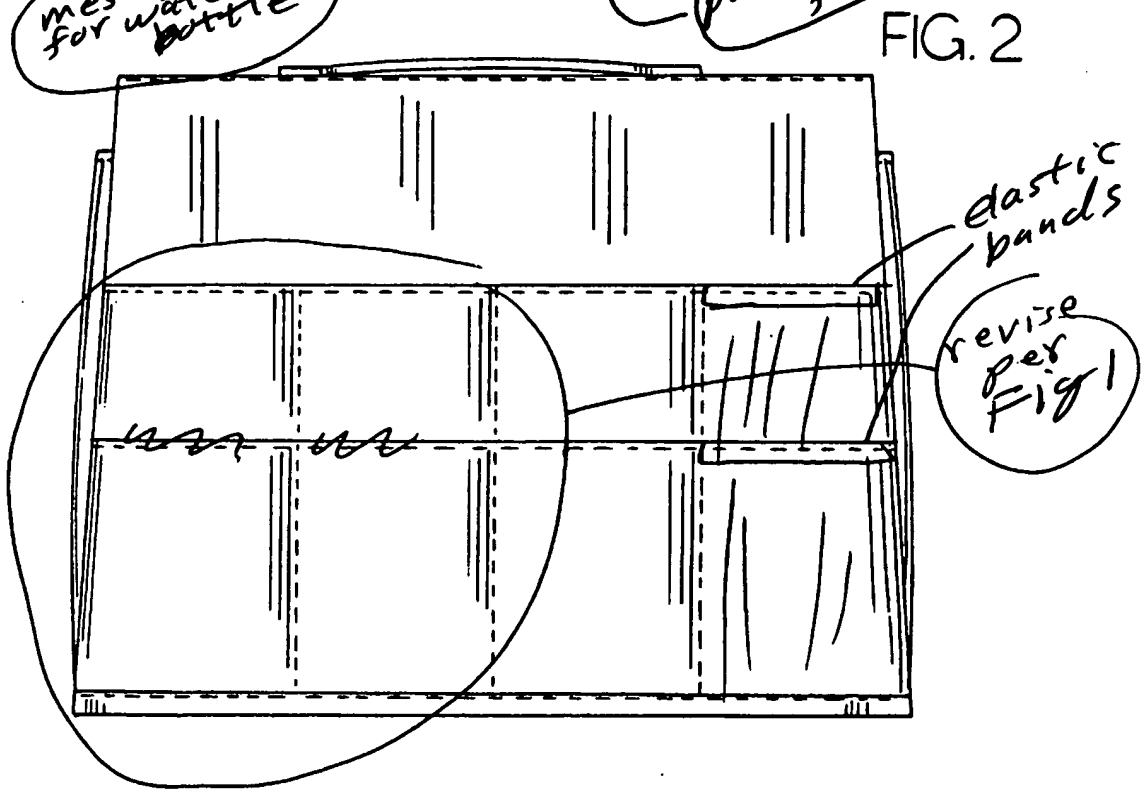
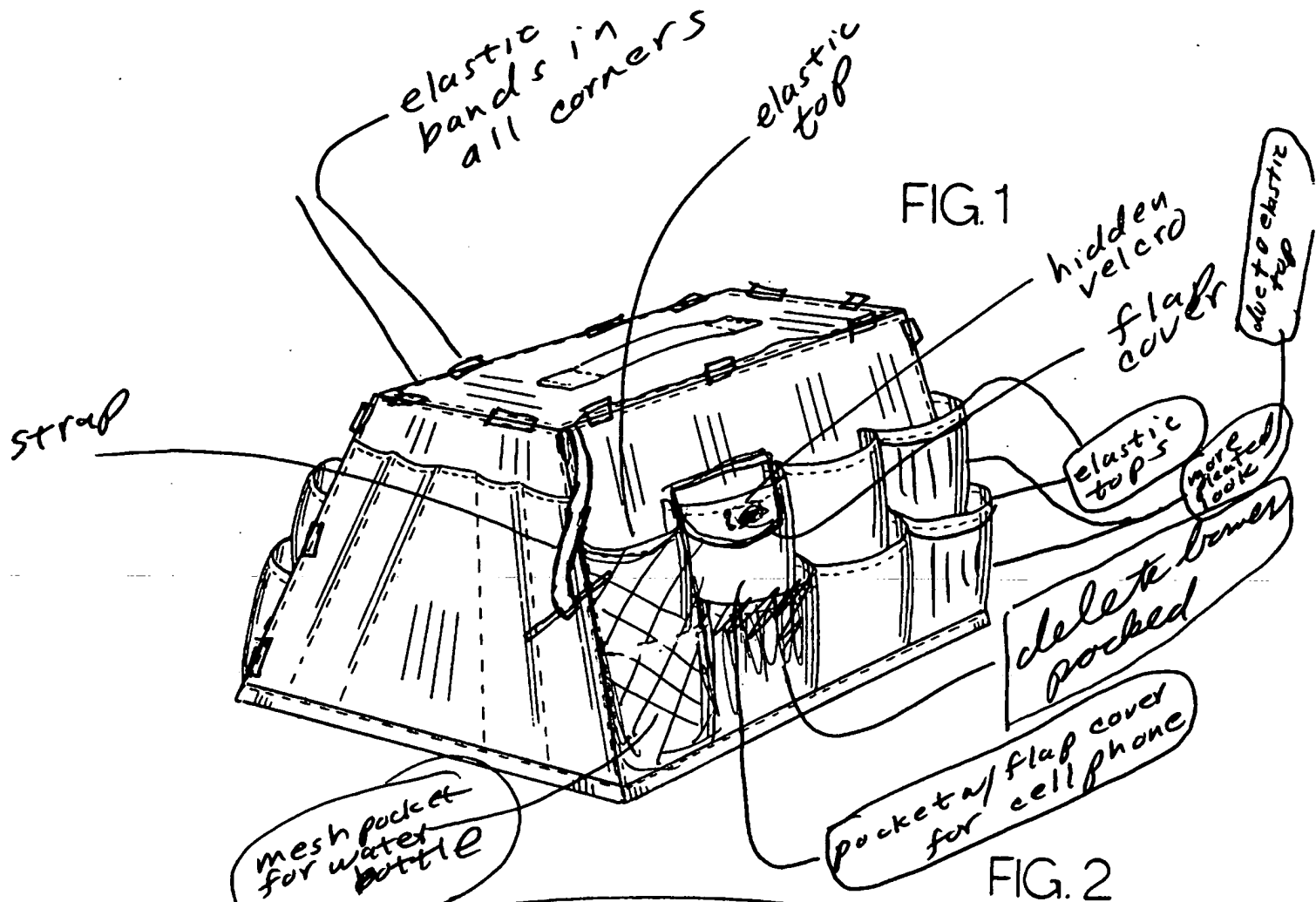
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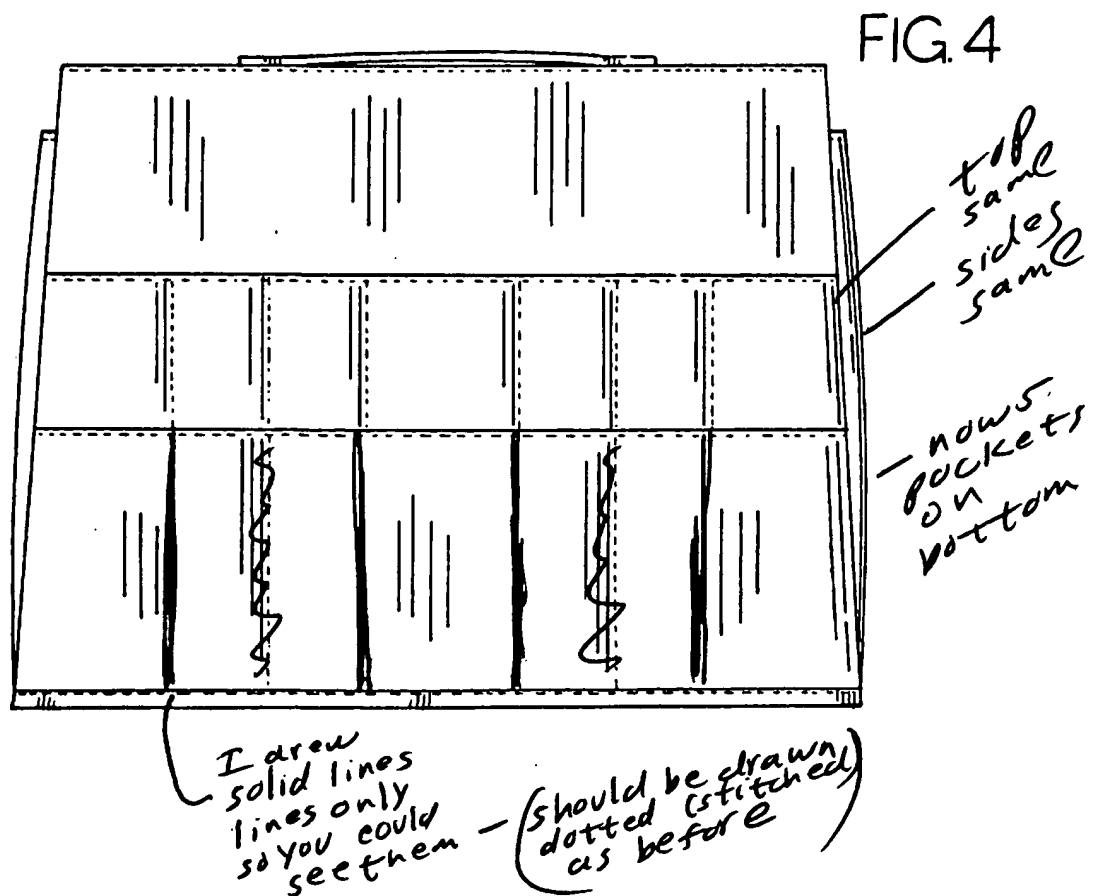
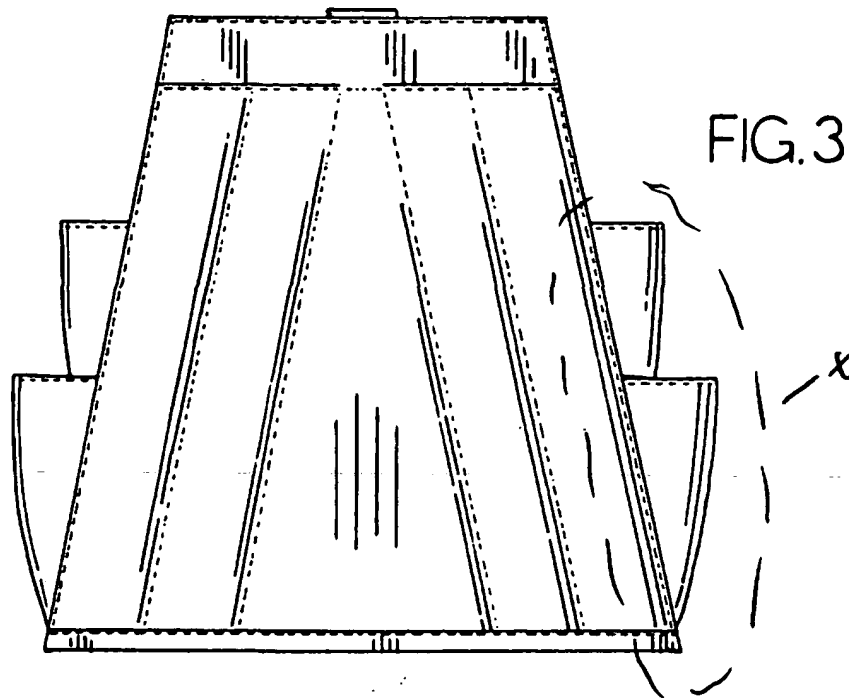
Cordially,



(e.s.)

Keith Frantz

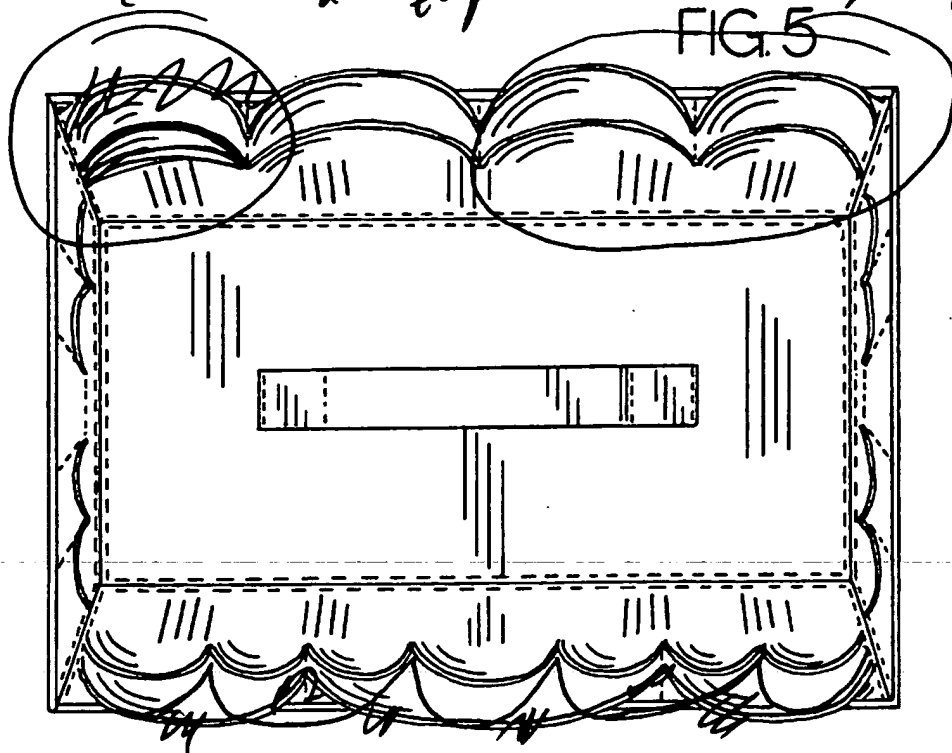




these two pockets
"move-in"
due to elastic
top

cell &
mesh
pockets

FIG. 5



should see
5 lower
pockets

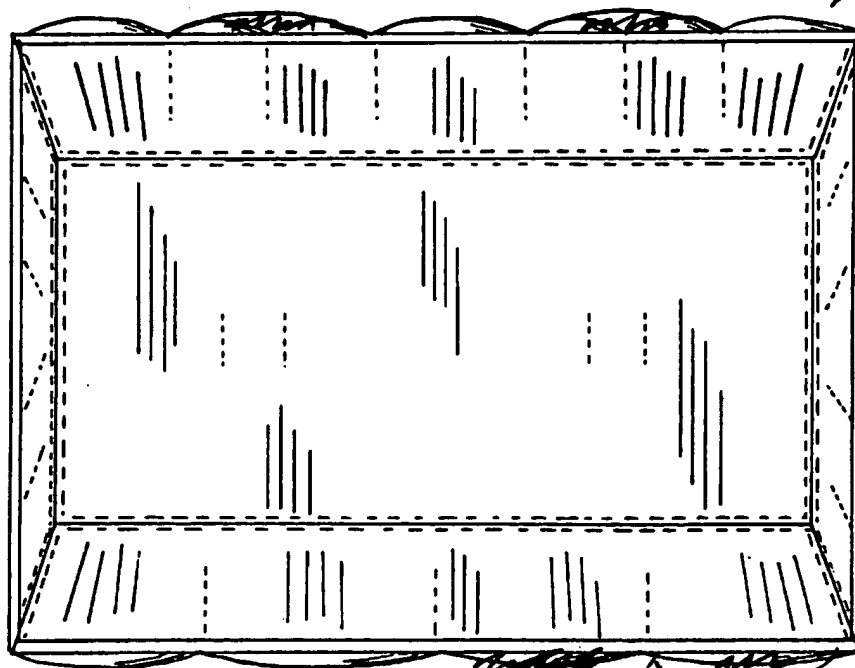
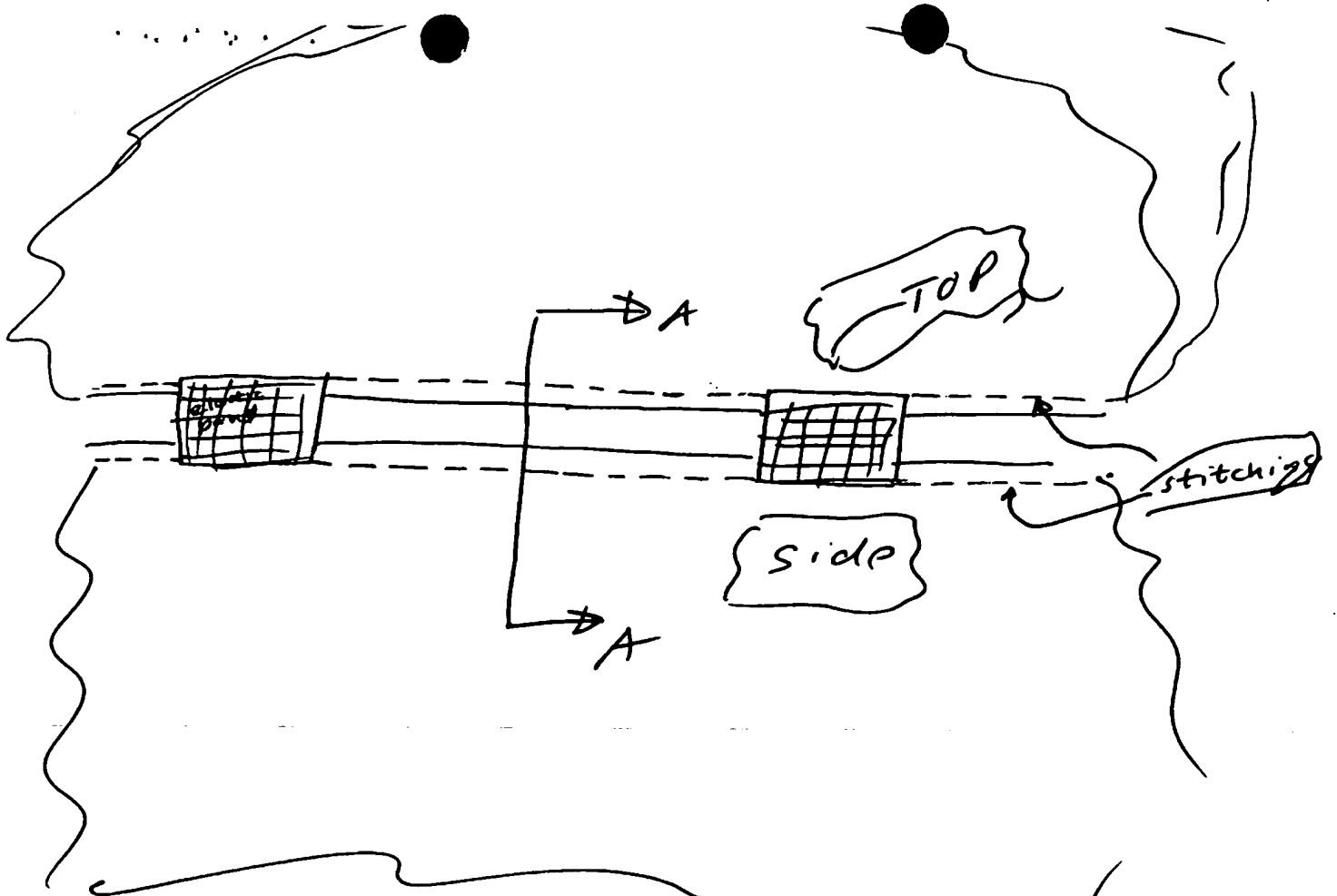


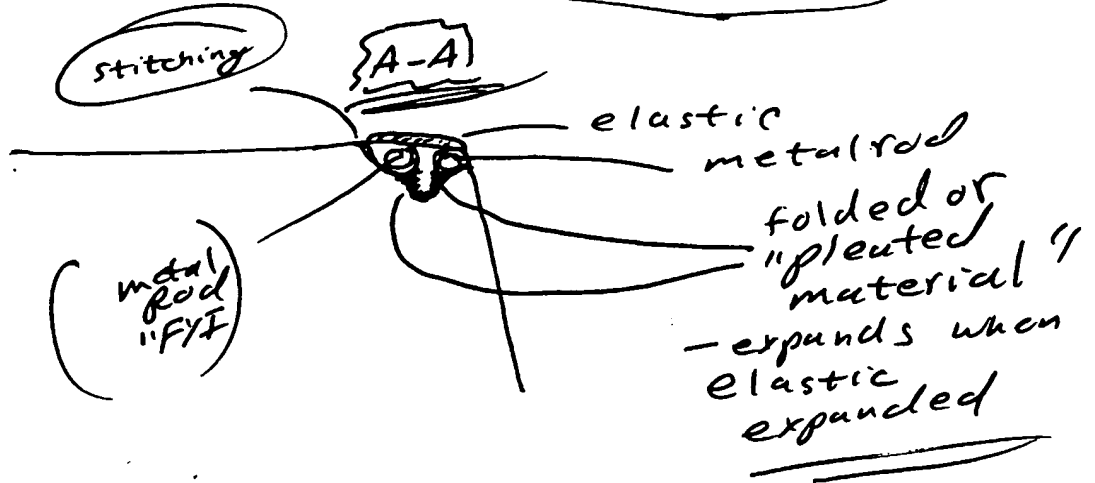
FIG. 6

will not
see
cell
pocket

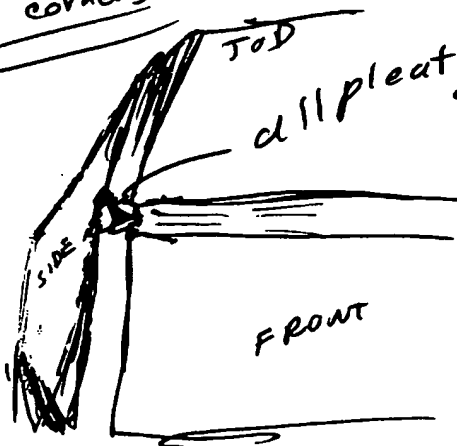
maybe
see
mesh
pocket



CHARLES
 I am showing
 you this so
 you understand
 - we do not
 need this
 detail for
 new design
 - but could use
 for utility
 if you have
 time

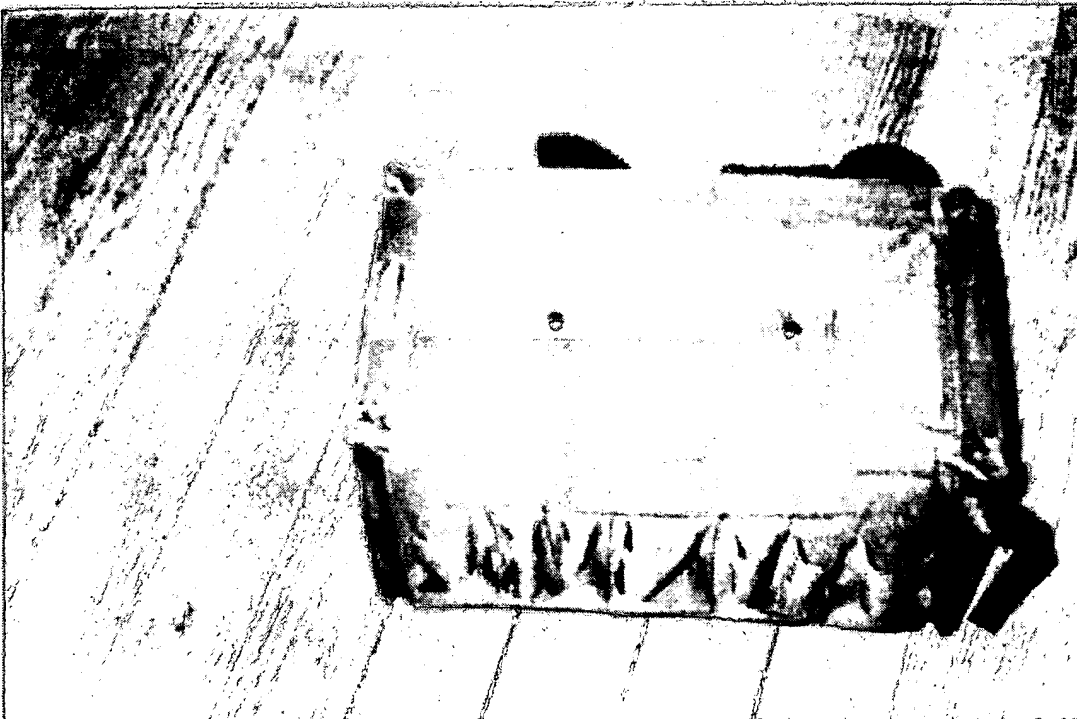
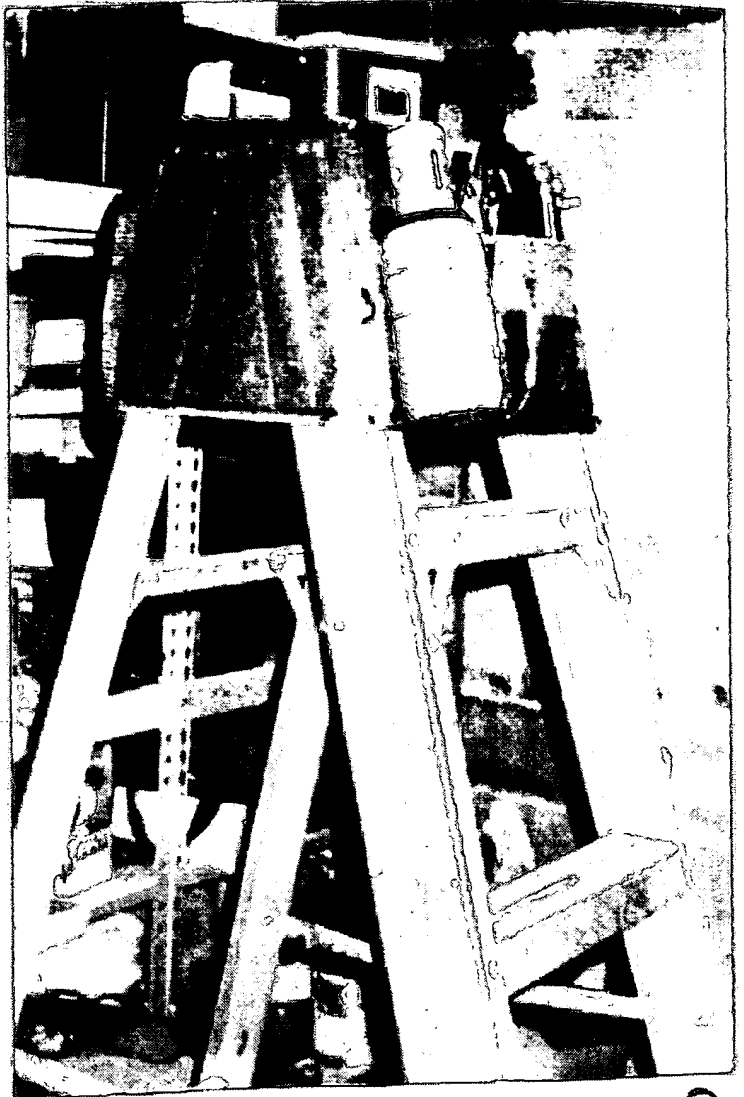


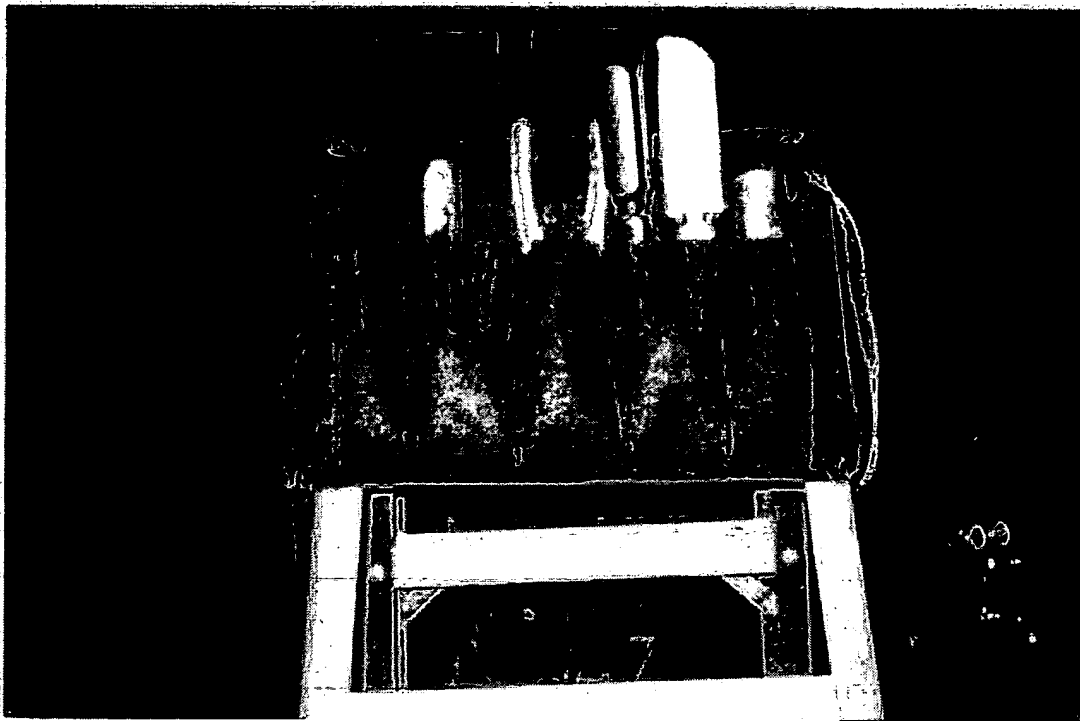
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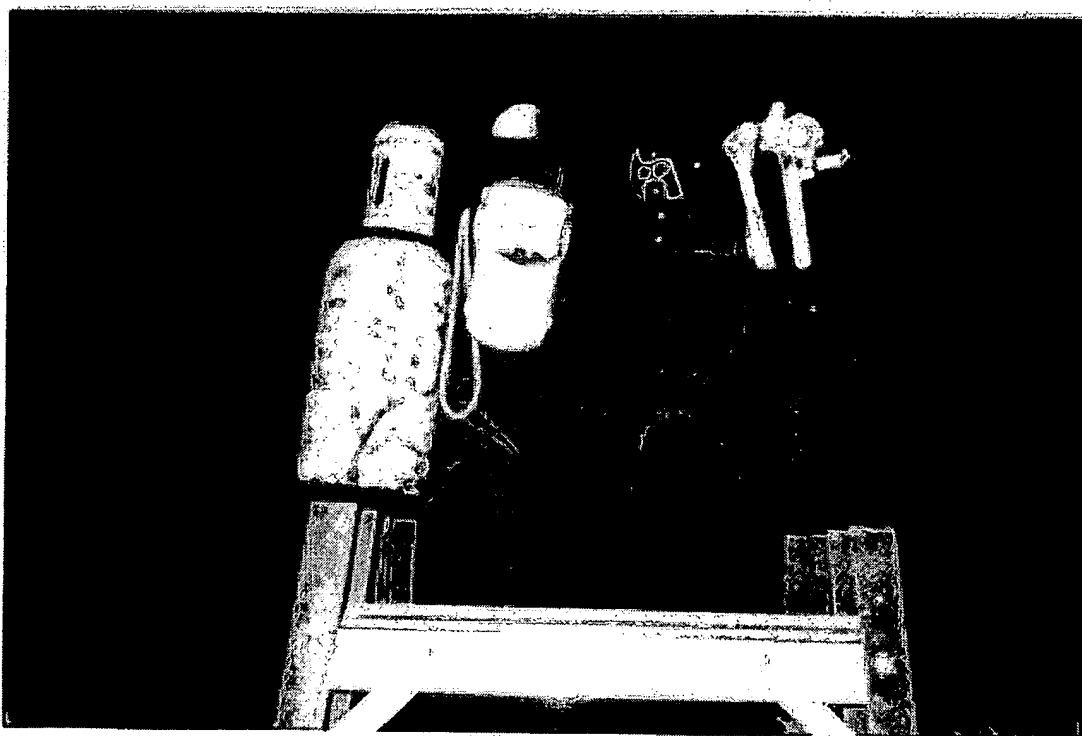
all pleated except
 a "slit" between
 three sheets
 joining
 - but won't see
 slit in drawings

FIVE





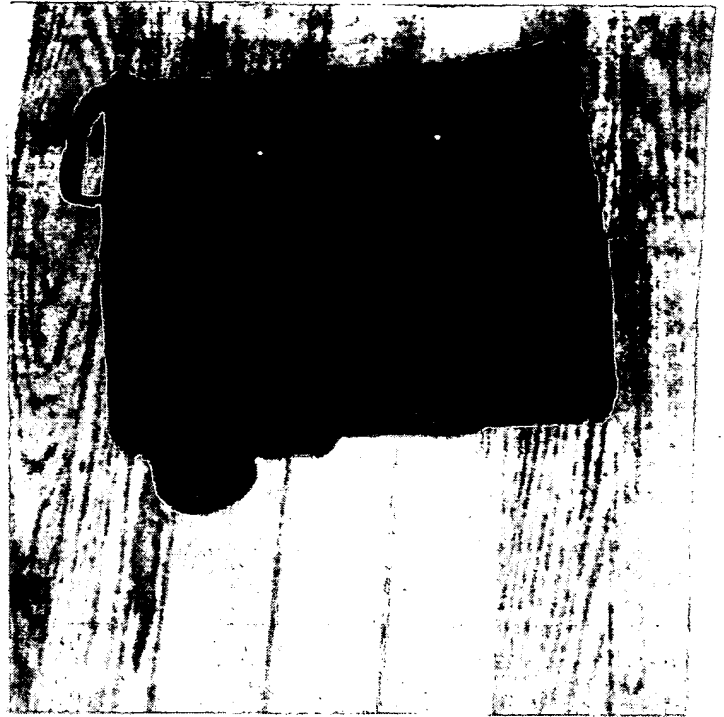
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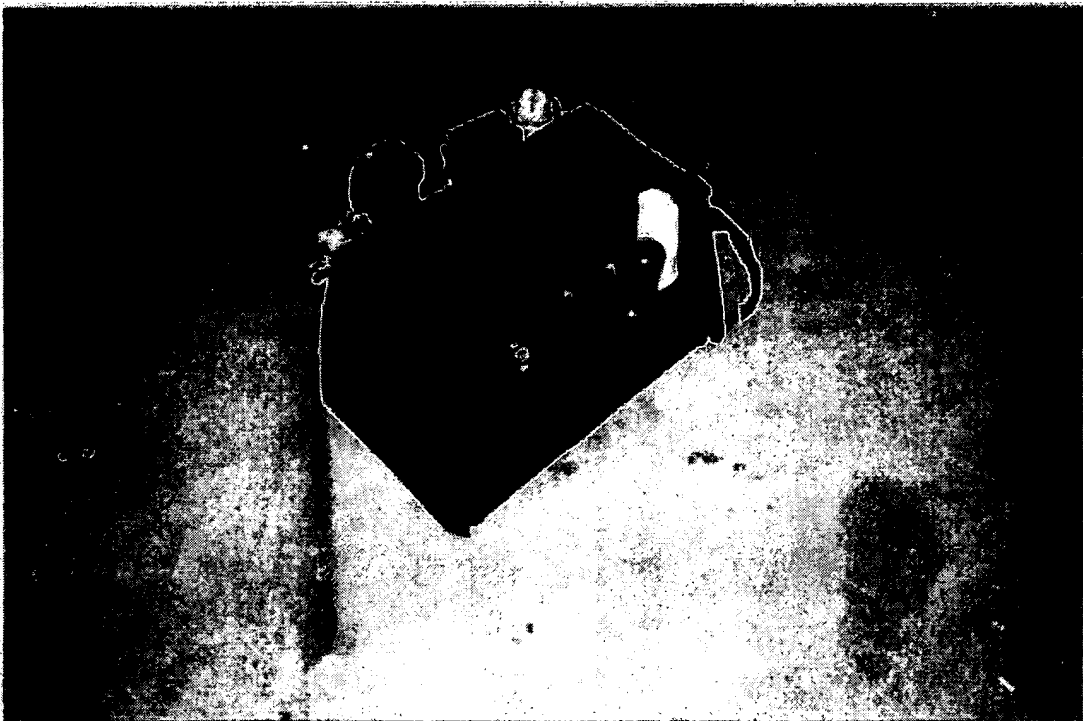
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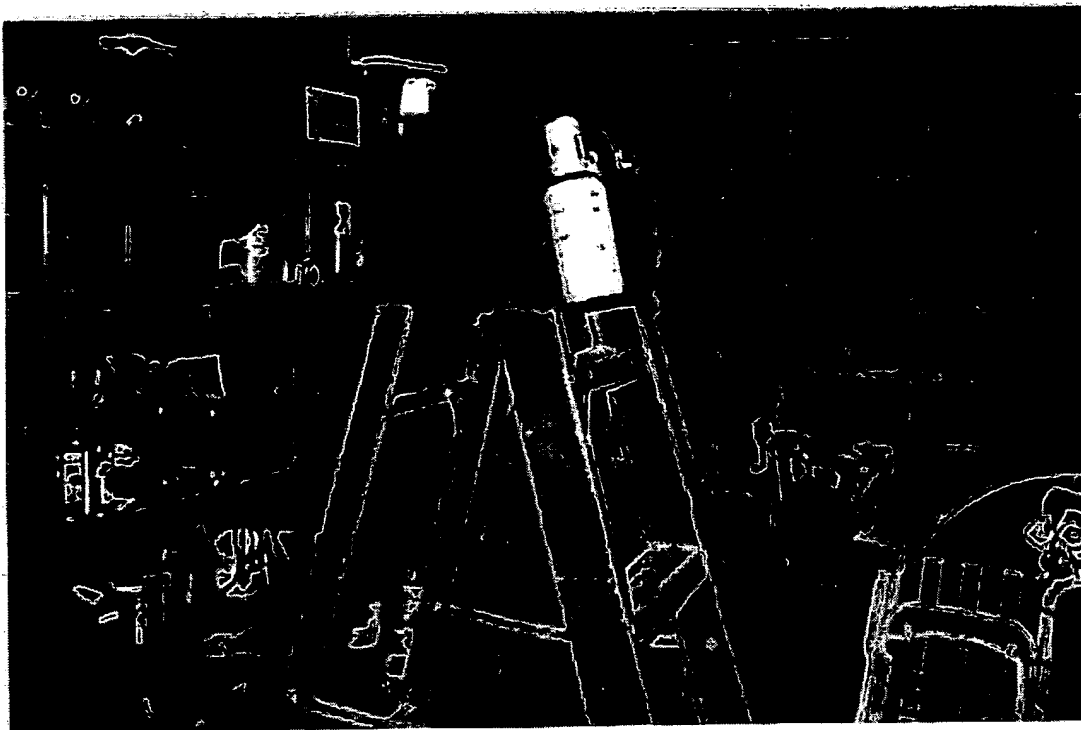
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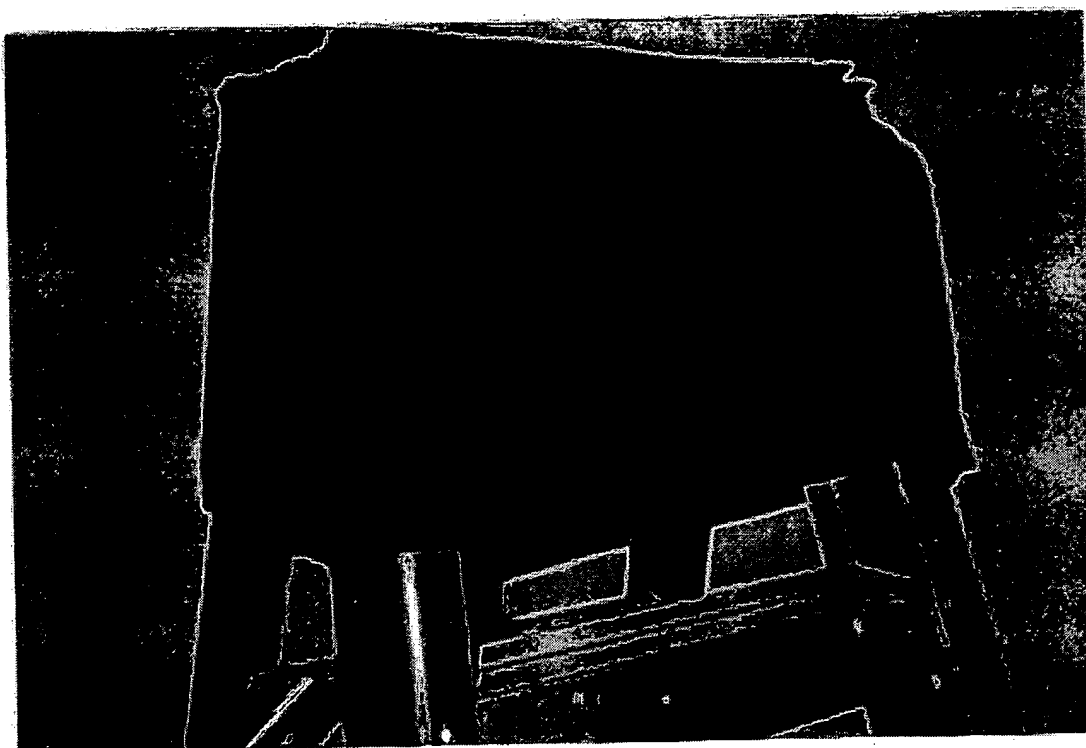
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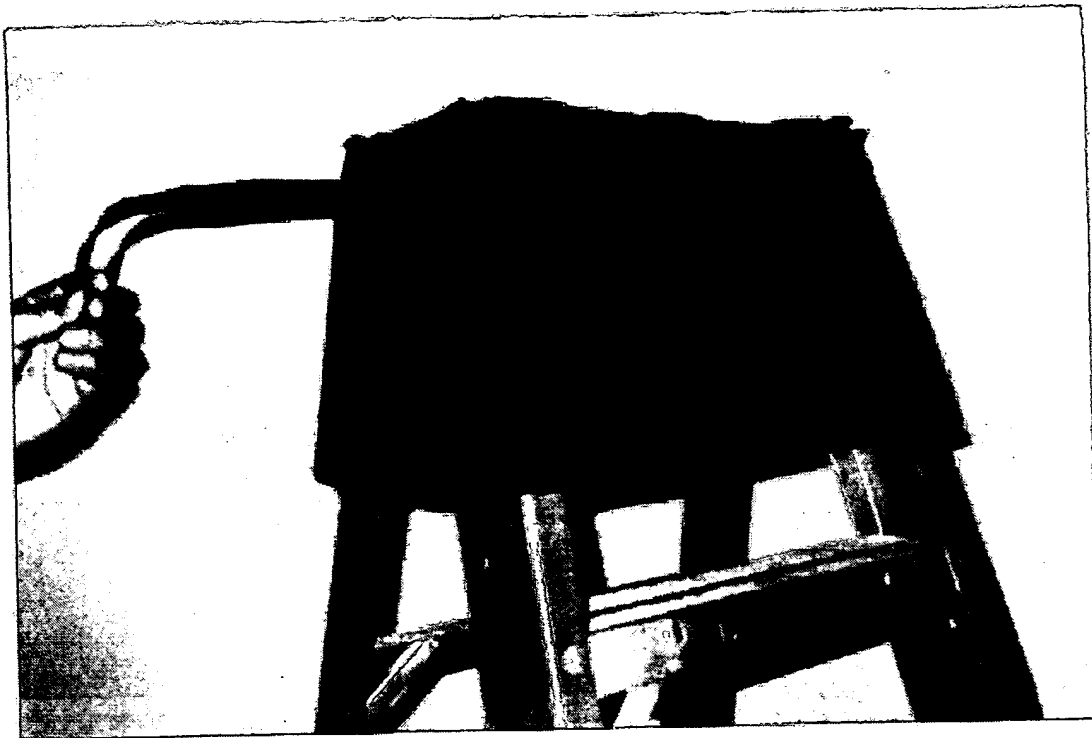
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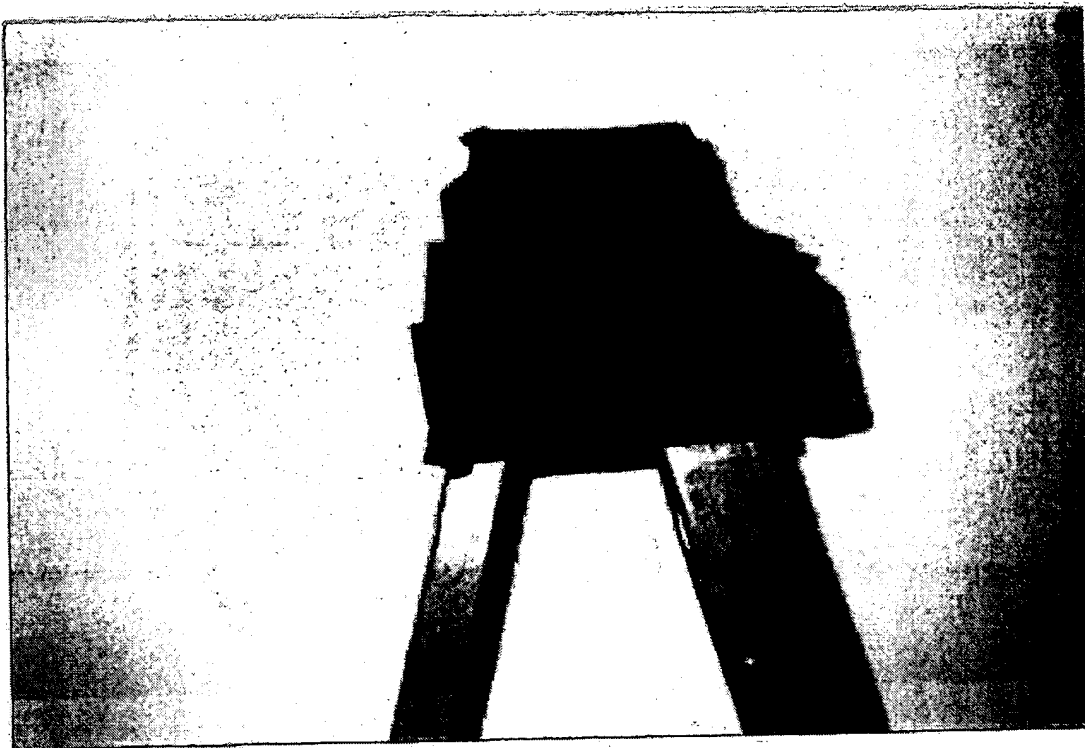
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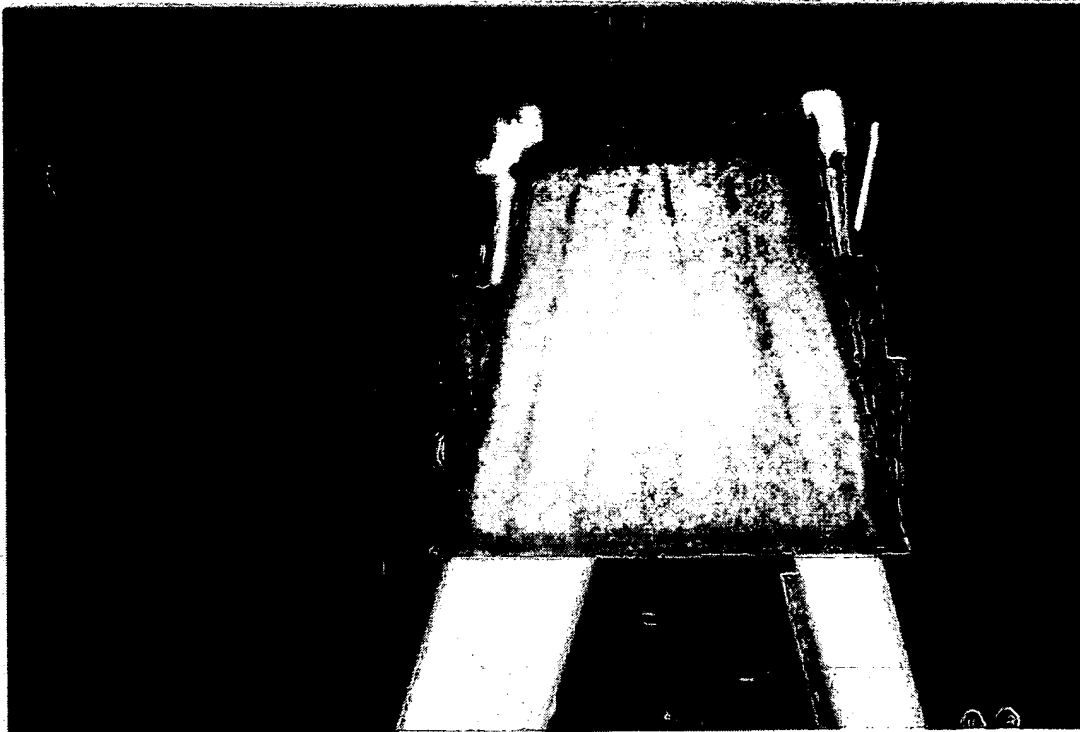
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